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## **COLUMBIA STRIP CLUB OWNER INDICTED FOR \$177,000 TAX EVASION**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that the owner of Club Vogue, a strip club in Columbia, Mo., has been indicted by a federal grand jury for tax evasion.

**James Andrew Yeager**, 36, of Columbia, was charged in a three-count indictment that was filed under seal on April 5, 2006. That indictment was unsealed and made public today following **Yeager's** initial appearance in federal court in Jefferson City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Yeager's** taxable income was substantially higher than actually reported for the calendar years 1999, 2000 and 2001. **Yeager** allegedly owed a total of \$177,275 in additional federal income tax for those three years – approximately \$24,177 in additional federal income tax in 1999, \$72,017 in additional federal income tax in 2000, and \$81,081 in additional federal income tax in 2001.

According to the indictment, **Yeager** was the owner of JR Entertainment, which did business under the name Club Vogue, located at 912 Business Loop 70 East in Columbia. The indictment alleges that **Yeager** operated Club Vogue and JR Entertainment in such a manner that he was able to divert substantial amounts of the receipts of the business for his own personal use without properly accounting for that money in the legitimate books of JR Entertainment, and, consequently, on his own federal and state income tax filings. **Yeager** also allegedly kept substantial amounts of income from detection by dealing in cash, and by not depositing the money into bank accounts.

Each of the three counts of the federal indictment alleges a separate calendar year in which **Yeager** attempted to evade federal income tax for 1999 through 2001 by substantially understating his taxable income and tax due on Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Schlozman cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. It was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation, the Missouri Department of Revenue – Criminal Investigation Bureau, the Columbia, Mo., Police Department and the Boonville, Mo., Police Department.

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